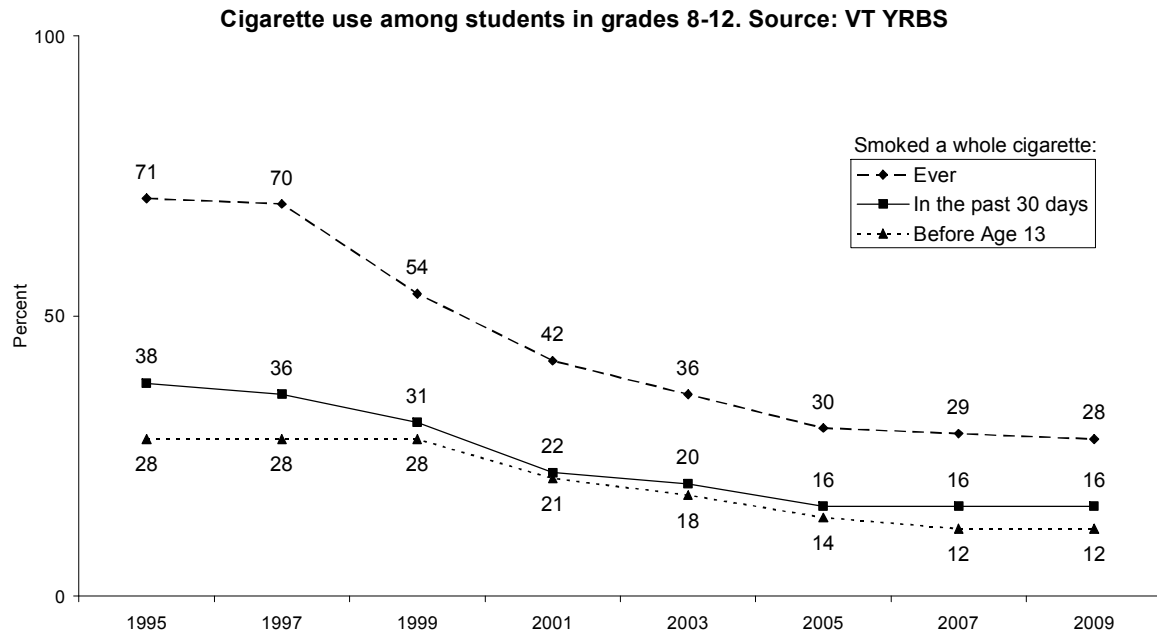


# Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey

## Data Brief

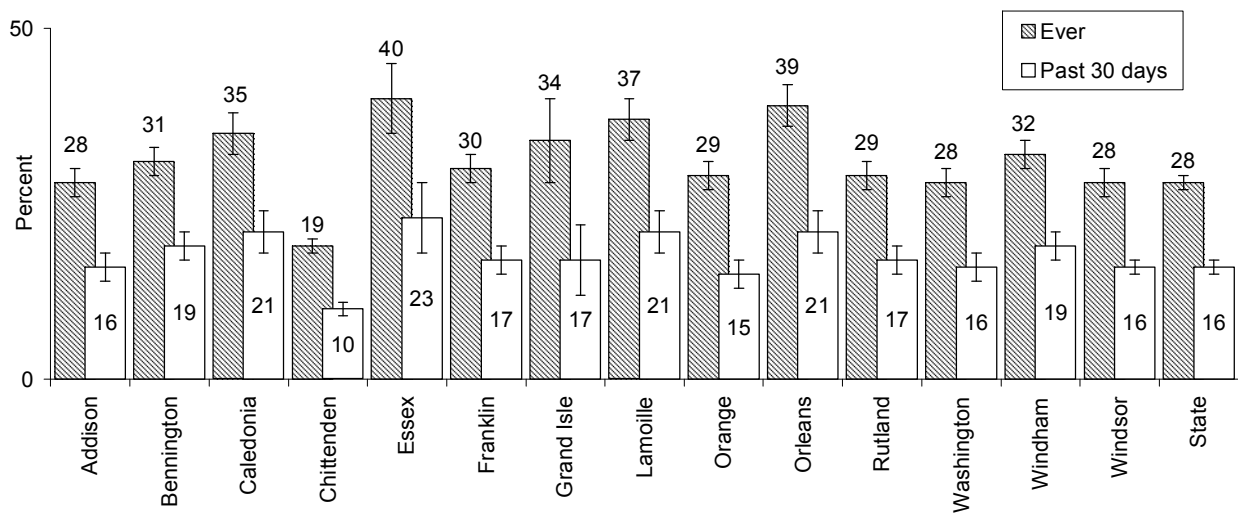
### Tobacco Use

Since 1995, the rates of teenagers ever smoking a whole cigarette, smoking before age 13, or smoking in the past 30 days have dropped by more than half. Students in 8th and 9th grades are significantly less likely to smoke than those in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.



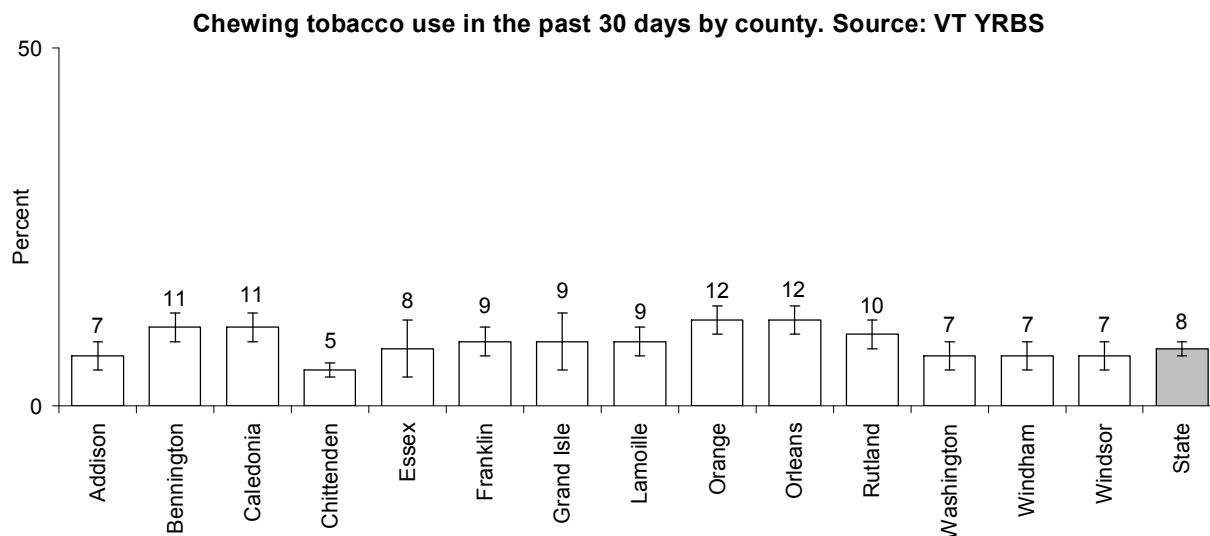
Students in Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille, Orleans, and Windham counties were significantly more likely, and students in Chittenden County were significantly less likely, to have ever smoked or smoked in the past 30 days compared to the statewide sample.

**Ever smoking and smoking in the past 30 days by county. Source: VT YRBS**

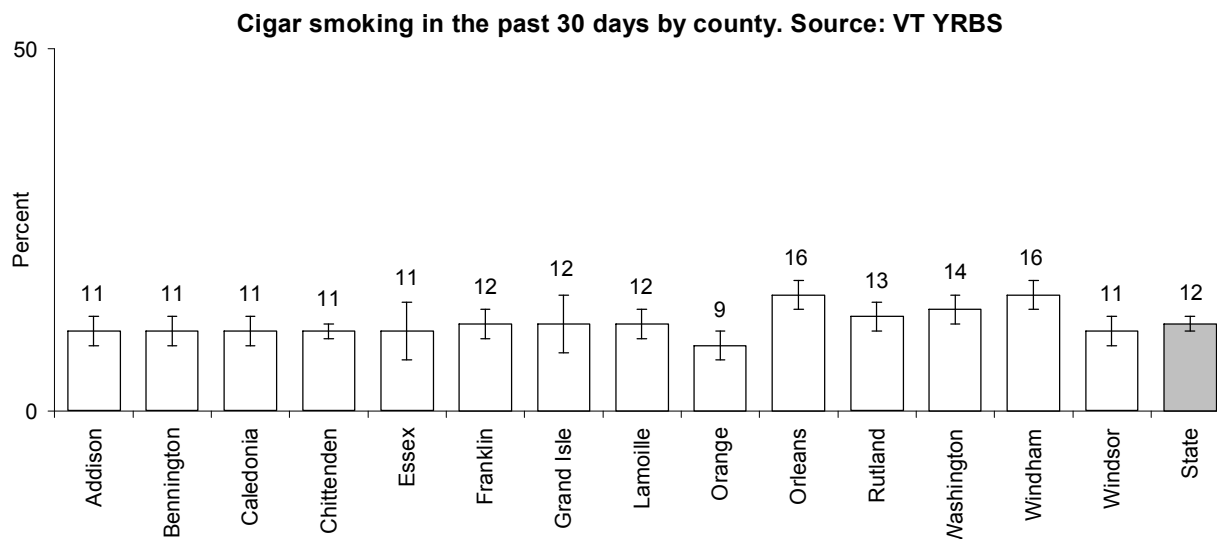


Reported use of cigars or smokeless tobacco is flat. In 1999, 8% of students reported using smokeless tobacco and 14% reported smoking cigars in the 30 days before the survey. In 2009, 8% of students had used smokeless tobacco and 12% had smoked cigars. Students in 12th grade were significantly more likely to use smokeless tobacco than those in 8th or 9th grades, and were significantly more likely to smoke cigars than students in all other grades.

Students in Bennington, Caledonia, Orange, Orleans, and Rutland counties were more likely to report chewing tobacco use, and students in Chittenden County were less likely to report use, than the statewide sample.



Students in Orleans and Windham counties were more likely to report cigar use in the past 30 days, and students in Orange County were less likely to report use, than the statewide sample.



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